

III. Amendments to the Abstract

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

Summary

ABSTRACT

In order to achieve improved protection of the occupants of a motor vehicle, ~~an a side~~ a side airbag is proposed which, when necessary, provides different hardnesses depending on the size of the vehicle occupant. ~~For this, the~~ The airbag ~~exhibits~~ includes at least one main chamber (10) and at least one auxiliary chamber (30), ~~whereby the chamber.~~ The main chamber (10) and auxiliary chamber (30) are connected with each other via a connecting opening (14). Furthermore, an outflow opening is ~~present,~~ present from which gas can flow out of the airbag. The outflow opening is included in ~~allocated to~~ the auxiliary chamber, (30), ~~and a~~ A closing element is ~~present~~ provided which, when the auxiliary chamber (30) meets an obstacle ~~when the airbag is expanded or during~~ or after expansion of the airbag, blocks or throttles the gas flow through the outflow opening (Fig. 2).